

Hourly Position: Assistant Fish & Wildlife Health Biologist

Office of Fish & Wildlife Health & Forensics

N.J. Fish & Wildlife

Department of Environmental Protection

Closes: April 11, 2022 or until filled



The Office of Fish & Wildlife Health & Forensics is searching for a part-time employee to assist with animal disease investigations, pathogen surveillance, and research in the office. The position will include working in two field laboratories, the Pequest Aquatic Animal Health Laboratory and the Clinton Wildlife Pathology Laboratory. Some work is expected to occur in the Animal Health Diagnostic Lab located in Ewing, NJ. This position will work with a Wildlife Veterinarian and Research Scientist to survey fish and wildlife health in the state. This is a 900-hour hourly position (not to exceed 900 hours per year) and working hours are expected to be between Monday and Friday, though working hours are negotiable to fit either a part-time or full-time schedule.

This is an excellent opportunity to work collaboratively with state biologists and various laboratories to investigate and survey fish and wildlife populations for important and emerging disease threats in the state.

Education and experience: A Bachelor's Degree with a focus in fish or wildlife biology and/or animal disease is required. Experience working in a laboratory is necessary. The individual should be self-motivated and have a strong background and interest in animal health and laboratory work. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in necropsy, histology processing, and molecular biology (DNA/RNA extraction and PCR). Other beneficial experience includes histology, tissue sample collection, and other laboratory experience.

Duties:

The employee is expected to assist in field and laboratory activities in the Office of Fish and Wildlife Health and Forensics. Projects include terrestrial wildlife health, aquatic animal health surveillance in marine and freshwater fish populations, and shellfish disease surveillance. Projects are dependent on program needs. Duties will include sample collection from a variety of animals, molecular biology processing (extraction, PCR and preparing samples for sequence analysis), and processing samples for histology. It is encouraged to assist with the preparation of reports and publications in the office.

Wages:

This is a temporary hourly position with an hourly wage between \$16-\$22 per hour. Hourly wage is dependent on qualifications and experience.

To apply:

Please send an email with two attachments, 1) a cover letter stating your interest and suitability for the position and 2) a current Curriculum Vitae. For consideration for this position, email your information to Jan Lovy at the contact below by Monday, April 11th. We will continue evaluating applications until the position is filled. Only those candidates that will be invited for an interview will be contacted.

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